

Indianapolis Railways Photo Album

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circa 1930s
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Organizational history:

Indianapolis Railways, Inc. began operation on June 1, 1932. Indianapolis Railways, Inc. took ownership of all of the property and operations that had been held and operated by Indianapolis Street Railway Company and Broad Ripple Traction Company. Indianapolis Railways, Inc. also acquired the stock of the Peoples Motor Coach Company and the Traction Terminal Corporation. The last full day of street car operation in Indianapolis occurred January 9, 1953 after 89 years of street car operation. On April 22, 1954 Indianapolis Railways, Inc. changed its name to Indianapolis Transit System, Inc. because rail lines were no longer operated by the company. At this time the Traction Terminal Corporation became Terminal Properties, Inc. Trackless trolley operation discontinued March 9, 1957. Bus service continued under the name Indygo Public Transportation

Source:

Marlette, Jerry. Indianapolis Railways: [A Complete History of The Company And Its Predecessors From 1864 to 1957.](#)

Terra Alta, WV: Pioneer Press of West Virginia.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of a photo album containing 37 black and white photos pertaining to Indianapolis Railways, Inc. Included are photos of company buildings and work areas, street cars and trackless trolleys, and several street intersections. Also included are photos of monotube poles and trolley wire. The album appears to be a compilation of several photographers' photos.

Item Listing:

circa 1930s Aerial view of the new Shops Garage, Service and Transportation Buildings taken

	while the structures were under construction
circa 1930s	View of old Shops Building on West Washington Street
circa 1930s	Pits in old Shops Building on West Washington Street
circa 1930s	Paint Shop in old Shops Building on West Washington Street
circa 1930s	View in old McLean Place Station showing a repair pit
circa 1930s	Main entrance to the Shops Garage, Service and Transportation Buildings
circa 1930s	Armature Shop in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Paint Shop in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Upholstering Department in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Carpenter Shop in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Transfer table area in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Pit Area in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Blacksmith shop in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Car Body Shop in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Truck Shop in Shops Building
circa 1930s	Shops Office located in the Transportation Building
circa 1930s	Transportation Office in the Transportation Building
circa 1930s	Locker Room in the Transportation Building
circa 1930s	View in old Bus Garage at 22nd and Yandes Streets
circa 1930s	Old bus storage area at 22nd and Yandes Streets
circa 1930s	Bus storage area in new Garage Building
circa 1930s	Bus repair pits in new Service Building
circa 1930s	Bus service area in new Service Building
circa 1930s	Bus engine repair area in Shops Building
circa 1930s	First shipment of trackless trolleys which arrived in December 1932
circa 1930s	A new trackless trolley alongside an old street car which it replaced
circa 1930s	A new street car alongside an old street car which it replaced
circa 1930s	An old and new type motor coach pictured together
circa 1930s	View on College Avenue before track reconstruction work began
circa 1930s	View on College Avenue after track reconstruction work was completed
circa 1930s	The Illinois and Washington Street intersection before new track and pavement were laid
circa 1930s	View showing the intersection of Illinois and Washington Streets after improvements had been made
circa 1930s	3000 steel monotube poles have been installed by the Overhead Department
circa 1930s	Miles of new trolley wire have been installed in Indianapolis
circa 1930s	One of 90 new street cars operated by Indianapolis Railways
circa 1930s	Indianapolis was a pioneer in the use of the trackless trolley. The company operates 152 of these vehicles.
circa 1930s	83 modern motor coaches serve the citizens of Indianapolis

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